Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Prostate cancer is diagnosed every 2.6 minutes and kills one man every 13 minutes. It strikes slightly more men than breast cancer does women, yet it is not as well recognized; and,

Whereas, Approximately 940 men in South Dakota will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year alone with approximately 110 deaths; and,

Whereas, It is estimated there are more than 9 million men with prostate cancer worldwide and this number will grow dramatically as the millions of Baby Boomers enter their 40s, 50s and 60s; and,

Whereas, Men are living longer after being diagnosed with prostate cancer because of early detection; and,

Whereas, The good health and well-being of the citizens of South Dakota are enhanced as a direct result of efforts to spread awareness about prostate cancer; and,

Whereas, It is incumbent upon the citizens of South Dakota to work together as people and as a state to increase research into understanding the causes, into finding effective screening and prevention strategies and into developing improved therapies for prostate cancer; and,

Whereas, South Dakota is pleased to join in recognizing and applauding the valuable role which families and advocates of prostate cancer victims play in helping our medical community to advance the fight against these diseases:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 2006 as

PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State